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Dear Ms. Hesse,

The appeal and success of our great country lies in the opportunity to succeed and to make a better way of life for our families. This has been possible because of our economic and personal freedoms. Those with innovative and pioneering spirits are the reason our country rose so quickly to become a world leader.

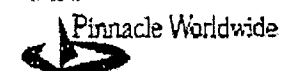
Most of those who drive our country because of their innovation and willingness to take risks never become global figures or even nationally known. But there is one such individual who is known worldwide for his technological developments. Bill Gates has produced software and Internet technologies that have forever changed our personal and business relationship with the computer. With his great ideas turned into reality, he has created thousands of jobs for Americans and provides a great deal of financial support for humanitarian relief. For example, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced on January 4, 2001 a \$7.5 million grant to help combat the spread of HIV in sub-Saharan Africa and worldwide. And this is just one example of the impact he has had on our world.

Because we are a lawful society, we certainly have an obligation to enforce our national laws. But that obligation has been met in the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit. It no longer can serve any relevant purpose. A fair and realistic settlement has been proposed and should be signed in order to conclude this case and allow Microsoft to move forward with all new business activities, and to allow Bill Gates to continue providing humanitarian relief throughout the world through his foundation.

Thank you,


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